



Darby Ann Jepson

October 2, 1949 - February 26, 2023

Darby Ann Jepson, age 73, passed away Sunday, February 26, 2023.

She was preceded in death by her parents; Patrick Donnelly and Betty Hallstone, and her son-in-law; Craig Balaban.

She is survived by her husband; John Jepson, son; Sean (Lori) Jepson, daughter; Kimberly Balaban, sisters; Diana Larson, Gale (Loyal) Ward, grandchildren; Melody (Erik) Ellison, Chloe Jepson, and Keegan Jepson, along with several other nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

The family will receive friends 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. Saturday, March 4, 2023 with the Celebration of Life Service to follow at 1 p.m. in Manes Funeral Home Chapel.

Family and Friends can go and sign the guest register book online at www.manesfuneralhome.com

Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Receive Friends

MAR 4. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Chapel
363 East Main Street
Newport, TN 37821

Celebration of Life

MAR 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PH

“ *In the Spring of 1999, the Plain Talk was ready to go daily - NOT! Five months in, I had lost half my staff, the department was reeling and I was scheduled to leave the country in a week.*

Enter Darby.

After only a week of preparation, she had the grit to handle all the mischief and flying debris that was hurled at her. I did not necessarily feel like a shady used car dealer leaving her that way - but I felt pretty damn close it. She was a hero. She was my hero. She was everyone's hero.

And thank God, she was a forgiving soul. We became very close and she was a huge support for me. I don't know if I could have made it without Darby. She certainly made being a Circulation Manager a lot less terrifying. Often, she even made it even sort of fun. We had a lot laughs....and a few tears.

Darby had a Celtic heart.....and a Celtic temper. I loved them both. She exhibited all that is good about being human and her capacity to love with both emotion and intelligence was a rare gift to this world. In my life, she is a giant.

Pat Helms - March 04, 2023 at 10:37 AM

GG

“ *John we are saddened by the loss of your beautiful wife, Gerald and myself are here for you sending prayers and hugs to you and your family*

Gerald and wendy goff - March 04, 2023 at 10:15 AM

ME

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Melody - March 02, 2023 at 02:18 PM

BD

“*Darby was one of the sweetest ladies I've had the pleasure of working with. I'm so sorry to hear of her passing. Prayers for all of you.*

Betty & Jim Dockery - March 01, 2023 at 02:19 AM

FE

“*John and family, it saddens my heart to hear about Darby. Please know you all are in our thoughts and prayers. Love always
Mike, Felicia Evans*

felicia evans - February 28, 2023 at 08:09 PM



“*Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of
Darby Ann Jepson.*



February 28, 2023 at 05:22 PM

CB

“ Cary, Barbara & Chester Balaban purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Darby Ann Jepson.



Cary, Barbara & Chester Balaban - February 28, 2023 at 09:05 AM

PH

“ Pat and Deborah Helms purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Darby Ann Jepson.



Pat and Deborah Helms - February 28, 2023 at 08:51 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darby Ann Jepson.



February 27, 2023 at 10:04 PM

PW

“ John, Kimberly & Melody,
I'm so sorry for your loss. I loved Darby & have missed seeing her at work at the Newport Plain Talk. It just hasn't been the same without her. She was the best & I will miss her very much. She always made even the most difficult days better & always had a smile for everyone. I'll keep you all in my prayers.
Penny, Charles & Lucas Webb

Penny Webb - February 27, 2023 at 08:32 PM

TF

“ *The Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Darby Jepson*



The Family - February 27, 2023 at 06:31 PM

JW

“ *I met Darby for the first time at Sean and Lori wedding She was a very sweet lady and a great mom grandma to our kids*

jane williams - February 27, 2023 at 05:38 PM

DO

“ *I'm so sorry to hear this sad news. Darby was such a bright spot in our days together at the Newport Plain Talk. My sincere sympathy to all. She will be missed.*

Duay O'Neil - February 27, 2023 at 04:54 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darby Ann Jepson.*



February 27, 2023 at 03:17 PM

CB

“ Cary Barbara Balaban lit a candle in memory of Darby Jepson



Cary & Barbara Balaban - February 27, 2023 at 02:56 PM

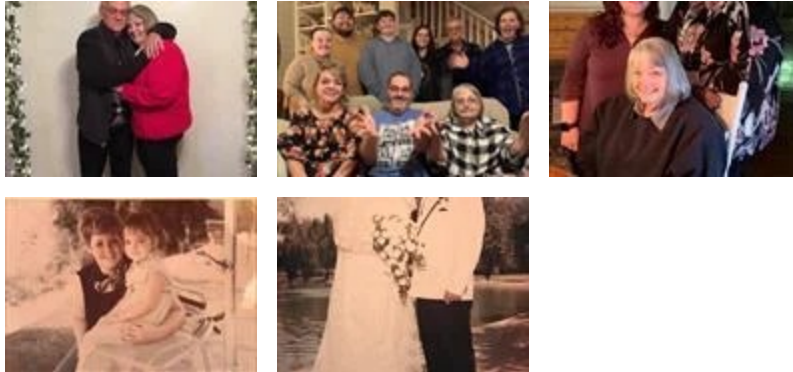
MS

“ Kimmie I am so sorry my dear friend. I just loved your sweet little Momma. Miss Darby was always so good to me. I'm praying for you and your family. If there's anything you all need, please let me know. Love you my dear friend.

Melinda W Sane - February 27, 2023 at 01:34 PM

ME

“ We love you Gram. 💜



Melody & Erik - February 27, 2023 at 01:00 PM